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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED BRIBES

REF: TRIPOLI 454

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF AIDE MEMOIRE
HANDED ME APRIL 27 AT MFA BY SHAABAN IN CAPACITY OF
ACTING ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY. (HE SITS IN FOR
TRAKI WHEN LATTER ABSENT).

2. QUOTE - THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LIBYAN
ARAB REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRIPOLI, AND, HAS THE
HONOR TO REFER TO CONTACTS UNDERTAKEN BETWEEN THE LAR
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO
REMIND YOU OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE NUMBER 86 OF APRIL 15,
1976, REGARDING THE REQUEST OF LARG MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE THAT IT PROVIDE LAR WITH GENERAL INFORMATION
(MENTIONED IN NOTE) OF ANY LIBYAN CITIZEN (NAMED) IN
INVESTIGATION WHICH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN CONCERNING BRIBES
WHICH LOCKHEED COMPANY PAID.

QUOTE - LARG IS HONORED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IT (LARG)
IS AWARE THAT FORMENTIONED COMPANY PAID MILLIONS IN
COMMISSION AND BRIBES TO OFFICIALS IN THE NATIONS WHICH
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NEGOTIATED WITH IT. SINCE THE LAR IS ONE OF THE

COUNTRIES TO NEGOTIATE WITH COMPANY TO BUY AIRCRAFT FROM HER, LAR OFFICIALLY DESIRES TO KNOW IF THE NAME OF THE LAR OR THE NAMES OF ANY OF HER CITIZENS WERE INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION WHICH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS CONDUCTING IN U.S., AND AT THE SAME TIME LAR REQUESTS NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS AND AMOUNTS WHICH IT PAID TO THEM IN THIS AFFAIR. UNQUOTE.

3. SHAABAN EMPHASIZED THAT LARG PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON OBTAINING INFORMATION AND IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I SAID I WOULD OF COURSE CONVEY REQUEST AND HIS DESCRIPTION OF DEEP LARG INTEREST, BUT POINTED OUT MATTER VERY COMPLEX BOTH LEGALLY AND POLITICALLY SINCE IT INVOLVED DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF U.S. GOVT. SHAABAN CLAIMED THAT U.S. AND LARG HAD CONCURRED AT A UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION LAST FALL UNDER TERMS WHICH SUCH INFORMATION MIGHT BE PROVIDED. I PROFESSED IGNORANCE (GENUINE) OF THE RESOLUTION BUT PROMISED TO TAKE NOTE OF HIS REFERENCE.

4. PRIMARY LARG INTEREST REMAINS DISCREDITING MUHAYSHI BUT NO DOUBT SUSPECT OTHERS MAY BE INVOLVED TOO. IN ANY EVENT INFO WOULD BE MOST LIKELY USED POLITICALLY AND NOT JUDICIALLY.
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